

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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CURRENCY PRINTING PRESS AND MINTS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of currency note presses and the mints where thefts have occurred during the last three years and the nature of such thefts;
- (b) the total value of currency notes and coins stolen in such thefts; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government to put an end to such thefts ?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL)

(a) & (b): Details of thefts in the Currency Note Presses and Mints during the last three years are as under :

3000 notes of Rs.100/- denomination were stolen from the Currency Note Press (CNP), Nashik Road on 10th July, 2000. The total value of stolen notes was Rs.30,000/-, of which 29,300/- were recovered by the police from an ex-employee of the Press. In the second incident of theft, a total of 316 notes of Rs.100/- denomination were found short in ten bundles in the Bank Note Press (BNP), Dewas during May-June, 2003. The total value of the stolen notes was Rs.31,600/-.

(c): Besides registering FIRs and suspending the suspected employees in these cases, the entire gamut of security arrangements at Mints and Presses has been further reviewed and tightened in consultation with the intelligence and security agencies..